

Russell August Langelle

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Robert Genzman and Harold Leap interviewed Russell August Langelle at CIA Headquarters on May 4, 1978. The interview yielded the following information:

Langelle joined the CIA in September 1950, and worked mainly in SR9 of the Soviet Russia Division. In November 1955 he resigned from the Agency on the pretext that he was disgruntled with his assignments. His CIA files would have reflected this termination of employment. The only document to the contrary would have been a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence Allan Dulles, stating that Langelle would retain all rights and benefits when he returned to the CIA. (at present this document would probably be in his personnel file.)

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Approximately fifteen people knew that Langelle was still with the CIA after his resignation in 1955. These included John Mawry (SE), Joe Bulik (SR9), Quentin Johnson (Chief of Operations), George Kisevaler, Frank Levy, Ted Polling,

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Jack Kindschi, June Sworbrick, Ed Galloway, Leonard McCoy (Reports and Requirements), Pierre de Silva (COS), and someone at the State Department's Office of Security. ~~████████~~

At the time of his resignation, Langelle applied for employment with the State Department. In the interim he worked at the Flecht Company. In March 1956 he started to work at the State Department as a Security Officer. In September 1956 he was sent to Vienna, where he earned a reputation for being a strict Security Officer at the Embassy. He was deliberately tough on CIA personnel who breached security, in order to build his cover as a non-CIA foreign service officer. His salary was paid by the State Department. The CIA Chief of Station in Vienna and the Ambassador knew he was with the CIA. 11112575

Langelle served as the Security Officer at the Moscow Embassy from December 1957 to September 1959. In addition, he was the senior CIA officer there. The CIA contingent in Moscow ~~████~~ consisted of officers

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were George P. Winter's (Econ. Officer), FNU Mahoney, FNU Venables, and Steve Washenko (Econ. or Agric. Officer).

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In 1959 the Soviets declared Langelle persona non grata as a result of his involvement with P. S. Popov. Langelle was the case officer of Popov, who worked for the GRU, Soviet military intelligence. While making a contact with Popov, Langelle was detained by the KGB and was questioned for two and a half hours. The KGB attempted to recruit him, and then released him. The State

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Department filed a formal protest, but Langelle was told to leave the Soviet Union within three days. He left the Soviet Union in early October 1959.

Langelle first became aware of Lee Harvey Oswald when he heard in a conversation that a Marine had contacted the American consular office in Moscow to renounce his citizenship. He later heard that this individual had changed his mind and was returning to the United States. He does not recall the details of these conversations, but he believes they took place in the United States. 11112577

Langelle characterized Oswald's defection as a consular case to be handled by consular officers, rather than an intelligence case involving intelligence officers, who were shorthanded in Moscow at that time. He stated that the few intelligence officers in Moscow at that time were involved in specific operations, and did not perform general intelligence functions. He also stated that intelligence officers at the Embassy did not use the [redacted] for intelligence purposes, and that there were

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in the consular section.

Langelle stated that the military intelligence people at the Embassy probably would have been contacted about Oswald's defection. The military intelligence personnel included Leo Dulacki (Marines), Paul Adams (Navy), John Munson (Navy), and Ted Hoffman (Army). He did not know whether Alexis Davison (Navy) was an intelligence officer or whether Davison was involved in the Penkovsky case.

Langelle stated that when Oswald left the Soviet Union, he was the responsibility of the State Department, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the FBI.

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When Langelle left ~~the Soviet Union~~ Moscow in 1959, Winters was the senior CIA officer there. Mahoney and Leberman were still there, and Washenko may still have been there. Langelle's replacement as Embassy Security Officer was John Abidian, who was not with the CIA. Abidian was later replaced by Hugh Montgomery, who was Winters' successor as senior CIA officer.

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Montgomery was later replaced by Paul Garbler, who became the first officially designated Chief of Station in Moscow. Other CIA officers in Moscow circa 1962 included Rodney Carlson, Bill Horsfall, and possibly John D. Hemerway.

At Headquarters the chief of the Soviet Russia Division was John Mawry, followed by Howard Osborne and then David E. Murphy.

With regard to American journalists in Moscow, Langelle had no contacts with R. G. Korengold, or Aline Mosby, did not know A. J. Goldberg, and was contacted by Priscilla Johnson for an interview after he was declared persona non grata.

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When Langelle returned to the United States, he continued working for the State Department. He resumed his CIA duties on a part-time basis in 1961. He dealt with communications between Washington and Moscow. In September 1961 he resumed his CIA duties on a full-time basis at Headquarters. He worked mainly in the Soviet Russia Division, External Operations, Africa and Europe. At present he is still with the CIA and still paid by [redacted], but he plans to retire soon.

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L'Angelle

~~L'Angelle~~ was born on October 7, 1922. His social security number is 495-18-8608. He is married, with three children.

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Steve Vasilenko (Econ. or Agric. Officer).

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In 1959 ~~the~~ the Soviets declared L'Angelis persona non grata as a result of ~~his~~ his involvement with P.S. Popov. L'Angelis was the case officer for Popov, who worked for the Soviet GRU, Soviet military intelligence. L'Angelis had been contacting ~~Popov~~ while

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After making a contact with Popov, Langelle was detained by the KGB and was questioned for two and a half hours. The KGB attempted to recruit him, ^{and} then released him. ^{and} The State Department filed a formal protest, but Langelle was forced to leave the Soviet Union within three days.

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~~Military intelligence personnel in Moscow included Paul Adams (Naval) Attaché (Navy), Ted Hoffmann (Army)~~

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M 3 ch. Language, operational + mil.
SR Div. (SR9) experience, reliab., stabil.

CIA Sept. 50 word-disgruntled

Nov. 55 Resigned from agency - Sec. Off. -
memo from director ~~over building~~
interv in job ad. ~~cos. knew (tried~~
Hecht Co. ~~status + amb. only)~~
started State Moscow - Dec. 57

Mar. 56 (SR 9 - internal ops) people all buried
Vienna ~~gmos. component~~ not a station
Sept. 56 ~~+ couple of officers in Division~~ first cos Paul Garbler

SE John Moury
SR9 Joe Bulick
Ch. of Ops Paul Johnson

~~George K. Goldfarb (sp.)~~ Kisebaltor

~~Frank Harvey~~

Frank Levy

Ted Polling

Jack Kindochi

June Swartzback

Ed Galloway

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Leonard McCoy

COS Pierre de Silve

DOS - Office of Security

~~CCO~~ - stepba not aware

Moscow -

officers

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George P.

→ Winters, Mahoney, Venables

Steve Washenko (CIA Officer)

→ Alan Leberman

- orientation

rather than operations

left in 59

John Abidan (State DC Officer)

took over State
responsibilities

CIA George P. Winters

Washenko - maybe still there

Mahoney & Leberman

PNG - agency operation

~~estimated~~ penetration on GR intel - mil. intell.

Pytor S. Popov. agent

It was case off.

case compromised

got approval from Thrush.

to kidnap - as stepped

off a bus

tried to recruit

released after 2½ hrs.

said they would get in touch

State protested

PNG

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Back to DDCI - worked for State Jan 60

handled State Dept. duties

+ agency functions

Resumed CIA part time '61, Dept. 61 HQ at full time basis.

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(Penkovsky)

cut-out-Brit. wife

SR9 Sept. 61 - 62

moved back to CIA

on full-time basis Sept. 61

(Dec. 58 - Sept. 59)

Malony GSA officer

Communications - Mos. to HQ

SR9 Jack Malony

Winters remained

LHO,

in conversation a consular officer said Marin
renounced citizenship

walk-ins

consular off. would bring it to your attention

George Wieswalper - in Berlin, handled Popov while
in E. Berlin + Vienna.

- handled Penkovsky.

- maybe Rosenbo.

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no [redacted]

in consular section

mil. intell. Paul Adams Nav.

Ted Hoffman Arm
Muror
Murder Nav.

Dulacki Mar.

would have been contacted

Kotengold - no contacts

Johnson - asked for interview after his PNG

Mosby - no contacts

Goldberg - didn't know

Davison - doesn't know if agency

not involved in Peat, to his knowledge

[redacted] personnel could not be used for intel. without
prior approval [redacted]

Provocations

9 Harmsone

[redacted]

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Naval aviator

Atsugi - 53-55

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62 Hugh Montgomery (senior)
John Do Herringway (?)
Paul Garbler (cos; replaced Montgomery)
Rodney Carlson
Bill Harbley

No common source register with mil. + Moscow

63 - SR, Chief of External Ops.

~~Africa + Eur.~~

(Moscow)
(G513 - Moscow)

David E. Murphy - Chief of SR Div. 64-65

COS in Berlin during

Popov operation while

LIA in Moscow

then Mawry

followed by Howard Osborne

" " Murphy

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He believed that the military intelligence people at the Embassy would have been contacted about Coward's defection.

The military intelligence personnel included ~~Paul Hoffman~~ ^{Adams} (Navy),

Dulacki (Marines), Paul Adams (Navy), Munson

(Navy) and Ted Hoffman (Army).

Langelle did not know whether Alexis Davison (Navy) was an intelligence officer or whether he was involved in the Penrosby case or whether

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Winters

res.6 Eugene Mahoney - Rt. 1 Beebe City
30-61 - 11-64 Gardiner Vienna Hill St. 22180

Osborne - Villa Jane

11 Feb 62 - 20 Sept. 63 Montgomery -
355-4650

first cos

26 June 62 - 14 Dec. 62 Rodney Carlson

11 Jul 63, 31 Aug 65 Edward Gotchaf HQ
annual leave tel 22. May 22.

11 Dec 63, 18 Jan. 66 Jerry Prehn HQ 2 p.m.
May 12

C/5R John Maury

1 Dec 54 - 29 Jul 62 3704 Farr Ave,
Fairfax

Howard J. Osborne

30 Jul 62 - 15 Sept. 63 Atty. John DeBulus
948-6727

David C. Murphy

1537 Forest

16 Sept 63 - 10 Mar Villa Jane McLean
68 355-9523

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